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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LABELING OF IRRADIATED FOODS

WHEREAS the Federal Drug Administration is considering the elimination of labeling requirements for irradiated foods; and

WHEREAS the FDA has already approved irradiation for essentially all foods including fruits, vegetables, grains, meats and spices; and

WHEREAS irradiation has been proven to damage many vitamins especially vitamin E; and

WHEREAS irradiation damages beneficial polyunsaturated fatty acids; and

WHEREAS irradiation produces some toxic radiolytic products such as formaldehyde in foods; and

WHEREAS, in its original petition, the FDA concluded that irradiation was a "material fact" (i.e. a significant characteristic of the product) and since this "material fact" remains true, therefore labeling should remain a requirement; and

WHEREAS consumers have a fundamental right to know what processes their food has been subjected to; and

WHEREAS such substitute labels as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are deliberately misleading; and

WHEREAS if proponents believe that the benefits of irradiation are as great as they say they are, then said proponents should support accurate and truthful labeling of irradiated food;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii County Green Party supports the consumers right to know and encourages the FDA to retain the current labeling requirements; and

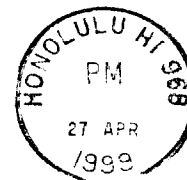
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii County Green Party encourages the FDA to consider making labeling requirements for irradiated food more comprehensive to include labeling of irradiated ingredients and prominent labeling of whole foods such as fruits and vegetables; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Hawaii County Green Party is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the FDA, to Hawaii County Council and to the Governor of the State of Hawaii.

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